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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reader's Service to the China Mail)

HONGKONG'S CHILD LABOUR

EXCESSIVE HOURS OF EMPLOYMENT.

QUESTION IN THE COMMONS.

LONDON, December 20.

In the House of Commons, replying to Major W. Cape, Colonel Amery said that the Government of Hongkong was being asked what measures, if any, he contemplated as regards the resolution of the Sanitary Board on May 14 which was thrown out by the Legislative Council demanding bylaws prohibiting excessive hours of employment of children in factories and workshops and prohibition as regards children under thirteen years of age.

Replying to Mr. John Davison, Colonel Amery said that the Government was being asked what action he considered possible as regards children carrying excessive weights up to the Peak.

NEWSPAPER SENSATION.

NEW YORK, December 20.

Dr. Rumely and the two lawyers (mentioned in our earlier cables) were sentenced to a year's imprisonment each for dealing from the authorities the facts that funds for the purchase of the New York Evening Mail, in 1917, were advanced by the German Imperial Government.

U.S. EMERGENCY TARIFF BILL.

WASHINGTON, December 20.

With the object of protecting the farmers, the House of Representatives ways and means committee has approved the Emergency Tariff Bill placing high import duties on cotton, wool, beans, potatoes, livestock and meat.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

HONGKONG HANDBOOK.

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For the visitor Hongkong holds many surprises, pleasant and otherwise. Among the latter the absence of an up-to-date guide book has been the cause of frequent comment by visitors seeking information published in a form convenient to the traveller's needs and suitable for preservation as a souvenir of the Colony. While R. C. Hurley's "Handbook to the British Crown Colony of Hongkong and Dependencies" (a copy of which we have received from the publishers, Messrs. Kelly and Walsh, Ltd.), does not altogether meet the latter requirement owing to a dearth of representative illustrations—our two principal attractions, the harbour and the Peak, are completely ignored in this respect—it meets the former with a wealth of historical detail and a profusion of useful information that combine to make a booklet of more than passing interest to traveller and local resident alike. The inclusion of several excellent maps and plans of the city, the island, and the New Territory, is a distinct asset to a book which should meet with a ready sale.

The book, which is dedicated to H.E. the Governor, Sir R.E. Stubbs, K.C.M.G., whose photograph forms the frontispiece, opens with a general introduction which covers the climatic, topographical, geological and other features of the Colony, and also deals in a descriptive manner with the beauties of the island and the harbour. An interesting resume of the Colony's history and a comprehensive survey of the opium traffic in its relation to Hongkong are followed by chapters devoted to the administrations of eleven governors, commencing with Sir Hercules Robinson and ending with Sir Francis Henry May, in which the principal events and the remarkable development of the Colony receive adequate treatment. Interesting and useful information is given regarding ports, hotels, churches, schools, hospitals, public buildings, and docks, while several prominent banks and firms intimately associated with the progress of the Colony receive due notice. Useful also are some hints on rational living in Hongkong, advice for shooting trips, directions for sight-seeing, a simplified Cantonese and Hakka vocabulary, suggestions for walking and motoring tours, and other information invaluable to traveller and local resident alike.

The price of foreign cotton is selling in Canton at more than \$65, and native cotton, at \$70 a picul, according to the vernacular press. The cause given for the rise in prices is that the native cotton crops of the last season were exceedingly low both in the North and the South, that the demand is greater than the supply because of shortage of import and that the Japanese are controlling the trade.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

The s.s. "Hydrangea," Captain Drummond, 561 tons, arrived this morning at 7.10 a.m. from Swatow with 73 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. "Haiching," Captain A. H. Stewart, 1,267 tons, arrived this morning at 9 a.m. from Swatow with 850 tons of general cargo.

DEPARTURES.

The s.s. "Derawongse," Captain Shearer, sailed for Saigon at 10 a.m. to-day with 500 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. "Kwangtuh," Captain Stewart, sailed for Shanghai at 11.30 a.m. to-day with 1,000 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. "St. Albans," Capt. Smith, sailed for Melbourne via Sandakan at noon to-day with 600 tons of general cargo.

CLEARANCES.

The s.s. "Ningchow," Chinese, cleared to-day and will sail for Haiphong at 5 a.m. to-morrow.

The s.s. "Rokkusan Maru," Japanese, cleared to-day and will sail for Hongkong at 10 a.m. to-morrow.

The s.s. "Sinking," British, cleared to-day and will sail for Shanghai at noon to-morrow.

TYPHOON WARNING.

The telegram quoted below was received by the American Consulate General from the Manila Observatory at 11.30 a.m. to-day:

Cyclone or typhoon E of the Visayas, islands direction unknown S of Guam direction unknown.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reader's Service to the China Mail)

TURKEY IN DISTRESS.

PARIS, December 19th.

A Havas message says:—According to a report from Constantinople to Le Temps, Nahi Bey, head of the Turkish delegation to France, stated, before leaving, that France had done more for Turkey than any other nation, and that the Turkish people will never forget any help which they receive in their present distress from France.

NEW FRENCH WAR MINISTER.

PARIS, December 17th.

The papers express satisfaction at M. Raiberti's appointment as Minister of War. M. Raiberti is perfectly conversant with military and financial problems.

PARIS, December 19th.

According to Le Gaulois, the former War Minister, M. Le Fèvre, intends soon to set forth before Parliament private information respecting Germany's present military activity, chiefly regarding aviation and poisonous gas, which, he says, are still manufactured.

FRENCH RAILWAYS.

PARIS, December 19th.

A Havas message says:—The Chamber of Deputies, yesterday, passed a Bill reorganizing the railways on quite a new basis. Although retaining individually, all systems are to be worked as a whole. The employees are to share in the management and will have an interest in the financial results.

FRENCH LOAN.

PARIS, December 19th.

A Havas message says:—According to L'Echo de Paris, the Finance Minister has stated that the results of the last national loan will aggregate well over \$1,500,000,000.

RETURN OF CONSTANTINE.

ATHENS, December 19th.

King Constantine has arrived here. He immediately proceeded to the Cathedral and then to the royal palace, amid indescribable enthusiasm.

LONDON, December 19th.

Constantinople, in a message to the Greek people, recalls "the agonizing emotion" of his exile, and says that the people's unanimous call has proved the truth of his father's device: "My strength is in the love of the people." He says that his life henceforth will be devoted to the strict observance of the constitutional rights, aiming to secure tranquility at home and national re-establishment abroad, and relying on the heroic army.

NEW MARVELS.

AMERICAN'S PROMISES.

FEARSOME WAR DEVICE.

The modest claim of J. B. Abraham of Newport News, Va., that he "has an inventive turn of mind" leaves no ground for dispute when substantiated by a list of ideas which he hopes soon to demonstrate along lines that "would be of vast benefit to our Government, as a government, as well as commercially. Aside from a number of railroad patents, he mentions the following:—

1.—Ditch Digger.—This idea, if put into effect, could be used to build a canal as large as the Panama Canal at comparatively little cost, say, less than \$25,000,000. This idea would also revolutionize commercially the digging of channels, of rivers, harbours, etc., and incidentally mining.

2.—Automobiles.—I have an idea that would revolutionize the manufacture of automobiles. My invention would be simple in operation and cheap in construction, and in the operation of the same, kerosene could be used as well as gasoline.

3.—War device for sending at least two tons of explosives any given distance and then dropping the same. This device could be used to destroy whole armies miles away; it could be used at sea, and I do not believe the Rock of Gibraltar could withstand an attack from it. This device also could be used commercially and would be an improvement over our present flying machines.

Having thus described the general character of his ideas, Mr. Abraham says he is prepared to demonstrate that they are practicable, but, being mindful that inventors are frequently not rewarded but cheated out of the benefits of their inventions, he will not reveal his secrets until he is positively assured that his interests are fully protected. He declares that the principles upon which his war device is founded will in all probability go to the grave with him unless it is taken up by the American Government, for he would rather sacrifice any gains that might come to him than see such a weapon fall into the possession of some other country that might use it against us.

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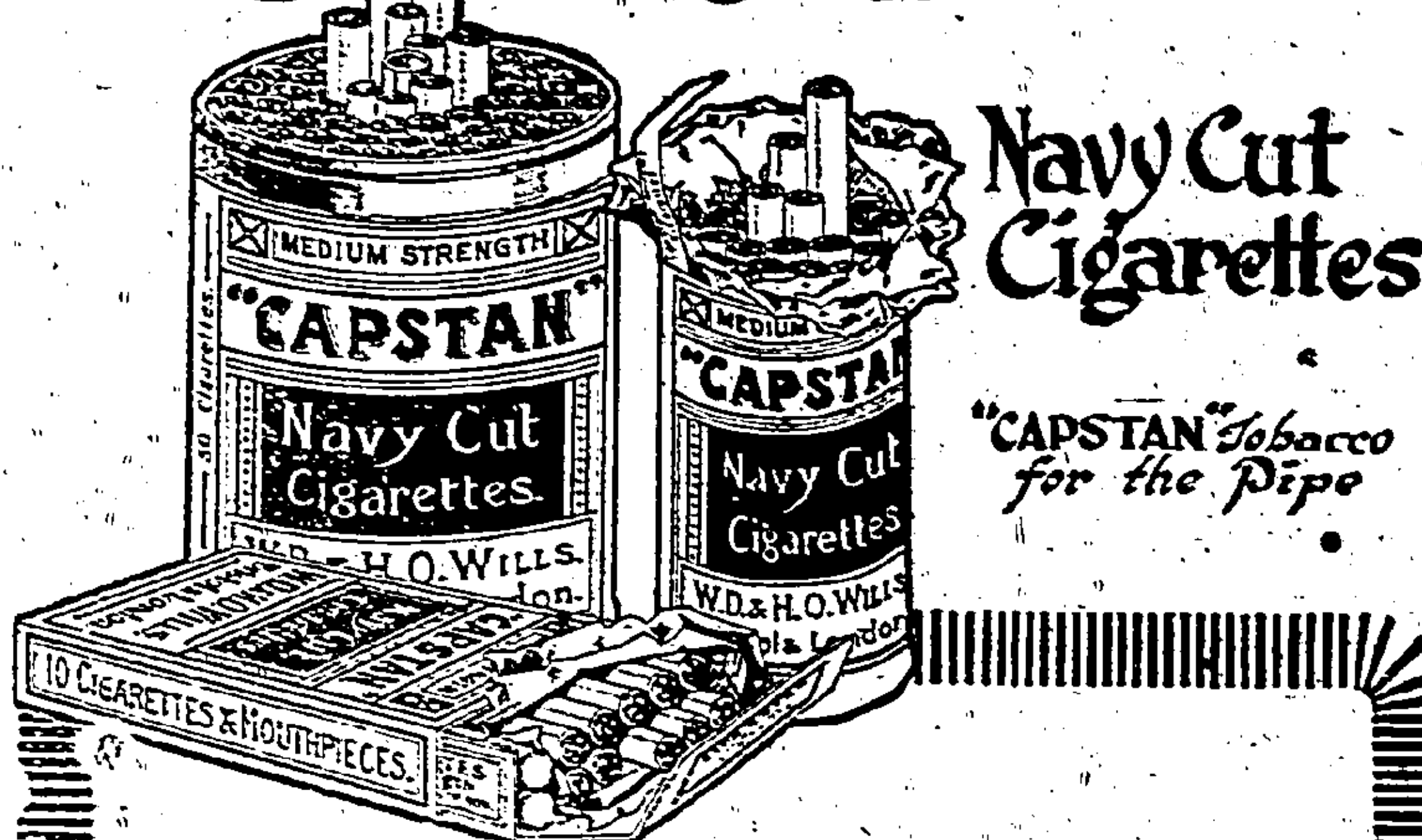
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SHELLEY ON POLITICS.

Since so many scraps of Shelley's "Immaturity" have been published, it is strange that his "Philosophical View of Reform," written near the end of his life and highly thought of by himself, should have remained in manuscript till now. Mr. Rolleston tells us that it belonged to Lady Shelley, who gave it to Mr. Stopford Brooke. So it came into the possession of Mr. Rolleston, who is Mr. Brooke's son-in-law, and who, in accordance with the wish of Mr. Brooke, has now edited and published it. Shelley, in a letter to Leigh Hunt, written in May, 1820, says: "It is boldly but temperately written, and, I think, readable. It is intended for a kind of standard book for the philosophical reformers."

There have been two views of Shelley's prose—the view of Godwin and Matthew Arnold that it is better than his poetry, which no one now is likely to hold; and the view that it is, all except the "Defence of Poetry," mere vapouring. In fact, Shelley was not a born prose writer, could not exercise all his powers in prose as he could in poetry; in prose, he writes not as himself, but rather like an eighteenth-century philosopher. His style must have seemed a little old-fashioned, even in 1820; he is antithetical, measured, and almost as much on his guard against enthusiasm as Shaftesbury or Gibbon, except in a few passages of indignation. Yet the matter reveals his great intelligence, the thought is of our own time; and, writing in circumstances like our own, he alone of his contemporaries says much what we should say now, though not as we should say it.

He betrays his inexperience in political writing at the start. True, he aims at producing a standard book for the philosophical reformers, but even they would have felt that the introduction has too much philosophy and too little politics; it is too long and general for the matter that follows it.

From the dissolution of the Roman Empire (it begins), that vast and successful scheme for the enslaving of the most civilized portion of mankind, to the epoch of the French Revolution have succeeded a series of schemes, on a smaller scale, operating to the same effect. Names borrowed from the life and opinions of Jesus Christ were employed as symbols of domination and imposture; and a system of liberty and equality for such was the system planted by that great Reformer—was reverted to support oppression.

There follows a sketch of history, part of which reads like a prose version of the "Ode to Liberty," with a liberal use of names in the manner of a clever undergraduate, and with a writer's insistence on the importance of great writers in the history of mankind. "Lord Bacon, Spinoza, Hobbes, Boyle, Montaigne regulated

the reasoning powers, criticized the history, exposed the past errors, by illustrating their causes and the connection, and anatomized the inmost nature of social man." And again, "What would Swift and Bolingbroke and Sidney and Locke and Montesquieu, and even Rousseau, not to speak of political philosophers of our own age—Godwin and Bentham, have been but for Lord Bacon, and Montaigne and Spinoza, and the other great luminaries of the preceding epoch?" A reader in 1820 might have cried—

Shelley, let these old writers sleep. And come back to our missing sheep. But if such a reader had been discouraged by this introduction from proceeding, he would have lost much, through his impatience. Shelley, in many instances justifies his own claim for the poet that he is a prophet. In his account of the industrial age, then new, he anticipates Ruskin and Morris—

Modern society is thus an engine assumed to be for useful purposes, whose force is by a system of subtle mechanism augmented to the highest pitch, but which, instead of grinding corn or raising water, acts against itself and is perpetually wearing away or breaking to pieces the wheels of which it is composed.

Shelley could not present his ideas with the effectiveness of a politician, but the ideas themselves were more practical, because more true, than those of politicians then, and now; and he saw clearly what the politicians saw dimly or not at all. He was looking on who saw more of the game than those who were playing it; and he was more right than poets, like Wordsworth, who had been too quick despairers because of the excesses of the French Revolution. Of the Revolutionists he says: "It may be the good which they did lives after them; their ill is interred with their bones"; and history has proved him right. Further, at that moment of reaction in France he foretells the Revolution of 1830, expecting "the institution of a government in France which may bear the same relation to the state of political knowledge existing at the present day as the Revolution under William III bore to the state of political knowledge existing at that period."

In his second chapter he turns to England, and points out, what few Liberals even of his time saw, that the establishment of William III. on the throne of England was a compromise between liberty and despotism, because Parliament had become and remained unrepresentative. "A fourth class made its appearance in the nation, the unrepresented multitude." Then began "that despotism of the oligarchy of party which, under colour of administering the executive power, lodged in the King, represented in truth the interest of the rich." The power which increased in the eighteenth century was not,

he says, the power of the Crown, but the power of the rich. "Monarchy is only the string which ties the robber's bundle." All this we know to be true now, but few knew it then; and no one expressed it so clearly as Shelley. On the National Debt and on paper currency he is no less clear; and what he says applies to us also, who have just emerged from a great war and are suffering from unexpected consequences of it. "A man may write on a piece of paper what he pleases; he may say that he is worth a thousand when he is not worth a hundred pounds. If he can make others believe this, he has credit for the sum to which his name is attached." And he proceeds: "The existing Government of England, in substituting a currency of paper for one of gold, has no need to depreciate the currency by alloying the coin of the country; they have merely fabricated pieces of paper on which they promise to pay a certain sum." The result is, as Shelley points out, to lower the value of all kinds of real, not paper, property, and to raise all prices; "to increase the labours of the poor and those luxuries of the rich which they supply." Shelley saw the whole process clearly, as many now see the danger of the same process. If others had shared his insight then, the history of England would have been far happier, and now we should not have a legacy of class suspicion and class war which is as great a danger to us as the war we have just won. There follows a passage on profiteers which might have been written to-day in different language—

In the habits and lives of this new aristocracy, created out of an increase in public calamities and whose existence must be determined by their termination, there is nothing to qualify our disapprobation. They eat and drink and sleep, and in the intervals of these things performed with most vexatious ceremony and accompaniments, they cringe and lie. They poison the literature of the age in which they live by requiring either the antitype of their own mediocrity in books, or such stupid and distorted and inharmonious idealism, as alone have the power to stir their torpid imaginations.

Certainly things, and men, are better now than they were then; but tendencies are the same and Shelley saw them and could express them with a clearness to which only now can justice be done. When he comes to actual measures of Reform, Shelley shows his insight by beginning, not with questions of representation, but with the question of the National Debt, a question which now, again, is even more pressing and equally ignored by politicians. Here are words as true now as when they were written—

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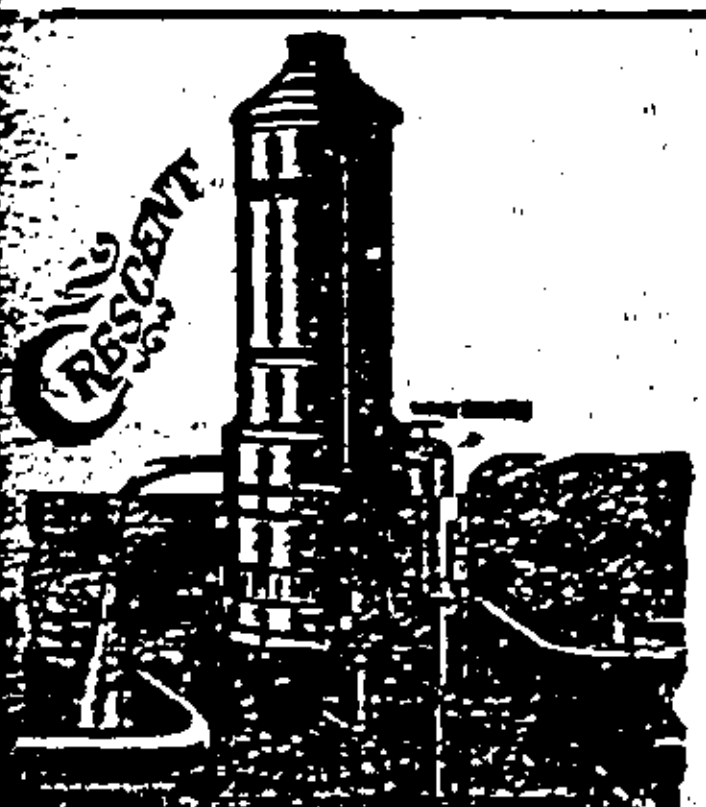
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OF BEING SERIOUS.

Life is real, life is earnest. The poet, and would have us be "up and doing." But was that spoken of Hongkong? It was not. Not even our poets—for we have poets—are foolish enough to be serious here. It is, Paul reminds us, useless to kick against the pricks; and to be really serious about anything in Hongkong would be to kick with bare toes, against the prickliest pricks there are. For the person who would take real politics "au grand sérieux" could soon have a chance to put the test of experience the legend of the broken heart. Here the politician washes his hands with imaginary soap in imperceptible water. Here there is no power, no public opinion, no possible chance of affecting anything or anybody by appeals to reason. To grasp this sorry scheme of things entire "is as impossible as to take down the moon; to would mean to the heart's desire." Of those dreams from which one wakes up. Here is no sociology, no operation, no public spirit, no sense of responsibility. Indeed, it is no domiciled community for the number of those who regard Hongkong as their permanent home must be very small. There must be a "mute minority," then come "agreements," "understandings." Here men save their terms, calculating always on the chance of spending their time. What is the future of Hongkong? So long as the gods are silent, why hurry? So long as the gods are silent, why hurry?

Enough to give it a shake occasionally. Let well alone. So, sojourn in Hongkong is for most men one thing in a game. It is a bit of a joke. It is a something that will pass. The spectacle of a serious person would disconcert them. Why should he be serious when they are not? His ideals? What nonsense! Can he deposit ideals in a bank? Can he exchange them for sterling? Fudge. The fellow must be mad. Let us eat, drink, and be merry, for to-morrow we go Home, we retire, we let Hongkong recede as a scene seen from the train, as a memory of bygone years, as a dream that was told and forgotten. The importance of not being earnest in a place like this is easily demonstrable. Earnestness bores the others. Why be a bore? Earnestness spells infallible disappointment. Why sow for yourself the seed of disappointment? Quite seriously, one signs a pledge of total abstinence from seriousness as a matter of self-preservation, as a prudent precaution, as an insurance against unhappiness. One is just the reverse of that young man who wished to be a philosopher, but found cheerfulness constantly breaking in. Here one resolves to be cheerful, to be frivolous, only to find seriousness breaking in, and always with undesirable effects. We are eight hours or so from noon in London. Why should we dream of going to bed when they do? We are leagues away from labour troubles and rebellions and all the generic phenomena of European life; why should they worry us any more than the war did? Is McSwiney dead? Well, well. Who'll win the golf championship? Is Constantine back on the throne of Greece? Really? What about another whisky and soda? Is England ripe for revolution? Poo! That's newspaper talk. No hurry. There's a late tram to-night. Why so serious?

Paradox is a hateful word. It has led people to consider the paradox a mere writer's trick. It is not the fault of the writer—that life itself should be full of paradox. Here our most serious obsession seems to be our aversion from seriousness. We do seriously object to seriousness. Our denunciation and repudiation of seriousness is serious. If we take anything else seriously it is bread and circuses. When the witty Frenchman accused Englishmen of taking their pleasures sadly, he meant seriously. This we do here. To bridge and golf and sport generally we bring a spirit of serious devotion. We are serious about getting on in the world, but at any suggestion that we should help the world in getting on we miss mocking eyebrows. We of Hongkong are not in the procession; we are on the grandstand watching it go by. We are not in the arena; we are in the amphitheatre and can turn our thumbs up or down as we like. There are those who would envy us. We are almost as aloof as was that Stigmund at the Council of Constantine, whose grammar a cardinal corrected. "Ego sum rex Romanus," retorted our Kaiserly prototype, "et super grammaticam." Here we are above being serious. Rome may be burning, but we have fiddles to play.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The approaching wedding is announced of Capt. J. Thorvik of s.s. "Hwah Ping" to Miss Jean M. McIntosh.

It is notified that the new road extending from Gap Road, near the Dharm Sala, to Wanchai Gap is now open for traffic.

The British American Tobacco Company has donated \$10,000 to the East River War Relief Association, through their director General MacNaughton, on his visit to General Chuan Kwing-ming in Canton.

The friends of Mr. B. M. Collison, of the Straits Trading Company, will much regret to hear that a cable received by his Company reports his death from pneumonia, at Yunnanfu, China. Mr. Collison was one of the "strong men" of the Straits Trading Co. and would have been the head of the firm when the Hon. Mr. Nutt retired.

Owing to the difficulty of disposing of the liner "Imperator" it is proposed to utilise her as a floating hotel. Some shipping experts contend the days of the Leviathans are numbered. They do not say, and will not be built in future unless another era of competitive building occurs, like that of Germany and England before the war.

The Rev. Mr. A. D. Stewart, headmaster of St. Paul's College and Mrs. Stewart leave on vacation to-day. Last night they were presented with two small Chinese pagodas and a silver dragon boat by the pupils who gave a musical programme and an exhibition of Chinese boxing and fencing. During the several months that Mr. Stewart will be away his brother, Mr. E. G. Stewart, will have charge of the College.

We have heard it stated, though we cannot verify the fact, that the Siamese Courts have pronounced a decree nisi in at least one marriage between British subjects, which took place in Singapore, which took place in Singapore, which took place in Singapore. That decree is doubtless perfectly valid in Siam, but we cannot conceive that it would be so on British soil. As our contemporary, the *Bangkok Times*, pointed out, there are still a good many points concerning the legal aspects of marriage here which demand clearing up in an authoritative manner.

While on a voyage from Singapore to Miri in lat. 2.37 N. long. 106 47 E. Capt. S. H. Benson of the "Krian" stopped and picked up a large light, painted a very light blue. It was leaking badly, but otherwise quite buoyant. It was 9 ft. 10 ins. long, 5 ft. 8 ins. broad, and 2 ft. 5 ins. deep. On examining it for marks he discovered a large white 8 painted on the sides and a large white 4 painted on the top. From the seaweed growing on it, he could see that it had the appearance of being in the water a considerable time, and he judged that it must have been at least six months.

A venerable old gentleman, dressed in his best clothes, called the other day on the Resident at his office in Jesselton, says the *British North Borneo Herald*. When asked what he wanted he politely explained that he wished to become a servant of the Government and on being questioned as to the capacity in which he proposed to be employed he intimated quite seriously that the post of head hunter to the Government would be most congenial. To clinch the matter he made formal application for a licence to take heads, and then, suggested an open licence to carry on with. We rather admire the Resident's presence of mind in the matter. He passed the old gentleman on to the District Officer to deal with.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A clean bill of health was returned for the Colony yesterday.

A Chinese dentist, a passenger by the s.s. "Tilapia" reported to the police on the ship's arrival in port, that a leather belt in the pockets of which were jewellery, two drafts, and a quantity of Dutch paper money, valued together at \$1,922.50, was stolen from his cabin on the ship.

The case reported in yesterday's *China Mail* in which a salesman of the Leung Yik firm was charged with obtaining \$400 from a Chinese merchant by uttering a forged document, was further remanded by Magistrate Smith until December 30, when accused will be committed to stand his trial at the next Criminal Sessions.

The body of an 8-year old Chinese girl in an advanced stage of decomposition was yesterday found by a Chinese farmer in a pool of water in the Hokum village, New Territories. The child was reported missing by her parents on the 18th. The police are of opinion that the child, playing on the brink of the pool, accidentally fell in and was drowned.

At the usual fortnightly meeting of the Sanitary Board held yesterday afternoon Mr. G. R. Sayer, the Chairman mentioned that the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon was of the opinion that unless further cases occurred, the outbreak of pleuropneumonia at the Dairy Farm premises at Fokfulum would be stamped out within a period of six weeks. Up to the present 190 deaths had taken place.

A concert in aid of the Blind Home, Kowloon, and Pokfulam Home is to be given shortly by Madame Lottie Gordon, an Australian pianiste, who has given many successful concerts in Australia in connection with charitable institutions. The concert will be under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency Sir Reginald and Lady Stubbs. Madame Gordon will be assisted by the leading artists of the Colony.

A Chinese coolie employed at Bailey's Shipyard was yesterday removed to the Kwong Wah Hospital suffering from injuries to his head and right hand. It appears that the man was walking up a plank leading to a ship, carrying a block of iron, when the plank gave way and he fell into the water with the iron on top of him, thus injuring his head and hand. He was rescued by other coolies. His condition is not considered serious.

It is understood that the speech made by H.E. the Governor at the Chamber of Commerce dinner in the Hongkong Club last night in honour of the Hon. Mr. N. J. Stabb, retiring general manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, contained an indication that when their guest of honour landed in Britain it would not be as Mr. Stabb. The natural inference from this remark is that Mr. Stabb's name will be included in the Christmas honours list.

Mr. Charles Alexander, who for many years has been well-known in the Singapore and China coast shipping trade as marine engineer has passed through Singapore en route for Mauritius aboard the "Ellenga" and expects to be back this way in due course, says the *Straits Times*. "Charlie" has moved about pretty considerably in the past few years. He was chief engineer of the "Laertes" when she was sunk near Singapore about two years ago. After that he made his way to British Columbia where he spent some eighteen months, but he has again answered the call of the East. He speaks highly of British Columbia as a country to live in at the present day—in comparison with some others.

Reports that have reached Tokyo from the United States say almost positively that the next Governor General of the Philippines will be Senator George Fairchild, a resident of the Philippines and a leading figure in the sugar interests there. Senator Fairchild is not an advocate of Philippine independence but favours the establishment of a territorial form of administration similar to that of the Hawaiian Islands, which would necessitate the formal annexation of the Philippines and make of them an integral portion of the American Union. Senator Fairchild has recently purchased the *Manila Times*, which will be, it is supposed, the organ for this annexation movement.

A blasting accident at Taishan, Kowloon City, on December 17, which resulted in the death of a Chinese, had its sequel in Magistrate Orme's Court yesterday when a contractor was charged, at the instance of Inspector Fox, with unlawfully carrying out blasting operations during prohibited hours, and further with manslaughter. The Inspector deposed that during blasting operations supervised by the accused, a large piece of rock which was hurled into the air fell on the deceased's head causing a fracture of the skull from which death ensued some 15 minutes later. The accused pleading "not guilty," the Magistrate remanded the case fixing bail in the sum of \$250.

POLICE BALL.

SUCCESSFUL EVENT.

GAY NIGHT FOR FORCE.

Last night was a gay night at the new Police building, the occasion being the annual Police Ball. It was largely attended, and a success in every way. Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse, C.I.E., Captain Superintendent of Police, and Mrs. Wodehouse assisted the reception committee, and most of the members of the European section of the force were there. The guests were confined chiefly to the members of the department, the only outside guests being the Governor's A.D.C., Captain McGrath, who represented His Excellency, Commander C. W. Beckwith, R.N., and Mr. H. Green, Superintendent of the Forestry and Botanical Department.

The facilities of the building were utilized to excellent advantage in providing for the comfort of the guests. The front of the building on Hollywood Road was brightly illuminated and prettily decorated with flags, festoons of flowers, and pots of ferns. The interior also was transformed with lights and greenery. The gymnasium on the ground floor at the right of the entrance, which was converted into a ballroom, was decorated attractively. All the pillars were draped with coloured bunting, and the big room was encircled with hanging flags. At one side of the ball room a platform had been erected for the musicians, the "Zim Bom" jazz band of H.M.S. "Ambrose," assisted by a pianist. On the balcony overlooking the dance floor chairs and refreshment tables had been installed, and not far away were the bar and card rooms.

The supper menu follows:

Best Tea
Lobster Mayonnaise
Turkey and York Ham
Corned Beef
Saddle of Mutton
Pheasant and Tongue
Port Wine Jelly
Fruit Salad and Cream
Coffee.

Dancing began soon after 9 o'clock, and continued until an early hour this morning. The programme of dances was as follows:

1—Waltz 13—Waltz
2—Fox Trot 14—La Rinka
3—Lancers 15—Tango Waltz
4—Maxina 16—One Step
5—One Step 17—Quadrilles
6—Boston Two
7—Destiny Waltz 18—Maxina
8—Fox Trot 19—Ladbrooke
9—Valeta 20—Valeta
10—Quadrilles 21—Fox Trot
11—One Step 22—Lancers
12—Waltz 23—Tango Waltz
13—Waltz 24—Waltz
14—Lancers 25—Maxina
15—Fox Trot 26—Ladbrooke
16—One Step 27—La Rinka
17—One Step 28—La Rinka
18—Lancers 29—Lancers
19—Lancers 30—Lancers

Credit for the success of the ball is given the Ball Committee, of which Inspector Grant was President. The bulk of the work fell upon Sergeant Andrews, the Secretary and Treasurer, and his assistant, Sergeant Connor. Commander Beckwith, Inspector Gordon, and Mr. Green also contributed by lending pots of ferns for decorative purposes.

GOVERNOR OF MACAO.

VISIT TO HONGKONG.

THANKS TO CLUB LUSITANO.

We are asked to publish the following cables exchanged yesterday:

Silva Netto, President, Club Lusitano, Hongkong.—To you and your colleagues of the Committee and all the members of Club Lusitano I tender my sincere expressions of heartfelt thanks for the extremely kind reception accorded me.

H. E. The Governor of Macao.—Acknowledging receipt of your kind telegram and in the name of Club Lusitano I have the honour to convey to Your Excellency and Lady Correa da Silva our best respects, reiterating the expression of our deepest sense of gratitude for the honour extended to our Club.

An interesting action will be mentioned before the Colombo District Judge on Monday next, says the *Times of Ceylon* of November 19, in connection with certain interrogatories to be answered by the plaintiff. The case is the outcome of a sea voyage. The plaintiff, Mr. Thomas Mackie, of the G.O.I., seeks to recover a sum of Rs. 75,000 as damages from the Messageries Maritimes Company. He complains that he travelled as a first-class passenger on the "Paul Lecat" from Colombo to Singapore. On the voyage he was taken seriously ill through his being served with food unfit for human consumption. His health has been permanently impaired and he has suffered serious loss of income which he estimates at the sum of Rs. 75,000. The defendant company admits that plaintiff was taken ill on board but denies that his illness was caused in the manner alleged. They deny liability.

THE 4TH SUNDAY IN ADVENT.

[CONTRIBUTED.]

Saturday night after dinner with to-day's newspaper before me and a column headed "Church Notices." A sudden desire to attend Church again after a lapse of many years impels me to read through the list. How pleasant to choose from the wide range offered! Which Church shall it be? A glance shows how each notice is characteristic of the form of worship pertaining to the Church.

Look at the first—Union Church with the sermon the principal item on the programme. Listen to the title "The New Internationalism, the League of Nations and the Kingdom of God."

A discourse on a subject with such a comprehensive up-to-date and interesting heading must take up most of the service and will certainly leave little time for anything else.

The prospect of listening to such a sermon is attractive and I think I'll get there in time to hear the resounding title intoned from the pulpit. My inclination is strengthened by the fact that last Sunday's sermon in this Church was on the delicate subject of race prejudice. The congregation is British and it undoubtedly required strong conviction and strength of character in the preacher to urge the abolition of social distinctions in a colony like Hongkong where the average European's opinion on racial matters is summed up in the phrase "Keeping the Natives in his place."

A good man no doubt and a good sermon but a voice crying in the wilderness. The Union Church service it would seem offers considerable food for thought. The amusement part—the singing and playing—is apparently kept in a subordinate place.

Have they an organ? They are Presbyterians aren't they? And many of them are good Scot's folk. Very likely they praise the Lord in hymn and psalm as did their ancestors the Covenanters on the hills, unaided by any "Kist o' whistles"—the Popish conception abhorred by the outspoken founder of their faith, old John Knox. But no! Memory recalls a subscription list for a new Church organ and the proud ambition of the saintly congregation that theirs should be superior, if you please, to that of the Cathedral.

Arise, John Knox and Jenny Geddes and smite these hybrid descendants of those stern old foes of trappings and flummery and stained windows and carved pulpits and everything that would dare to intrude between a religious man and his God.

No Union Church for me! I'm with John Knox and Jenny and prefer the hills. Let it be St. John's Cathedral then to hear the sweet music for it seems from the notice there's little else to be heard.

But what a handicap to be brought up anything else than a High Churchman. "Responses Ferial, Venite, Turle, Te Deum, Woodward, Smart, Benedictus, Garret, Barby, Kelway." What does this mean? Except for a word or two of Latin it might be a list of the players in a football match. "Auxiliary Choir" also—kind of reserve, I suppose. What could a "heathen Chinee" make of all this jargon? But where's the sermon? None on the list unless it be "Lift thine eyes, Sullivan," which does not sound Biblical. And then appears a notice inviting you to assist in the singing—not in the preaching or the praying or the calling of lost sinners, to repentance but in the singing. Doesn't seem to be much intellectual fodder in this lot and who wants to hear a crowd of amateurs squalling anyway?

I'll try the Church of England Military Services which read 7 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and so on, short and sharp. Military it is and no mistake this notice. Quick march right wheel and the crunch of ammunition boots up the narrow pathway to Heaven. But too brisk and army-like for my taste with a suggestion of court-martial and a sudden plunge into hell for defaulters.

For this time of the year give me the Wesleyan Church, Wanchai, with its sermon on "Preparations for Christmas" and its service for soldiers and sailors. It's nice to think of these fine fellows being cared for at Christmas time and I at once decide I might do worse than drop an extra dollar or two in the collection to make up for some of the Sundays I have missed. But what's this a few lines below? "8.15 p.m. Subject, Prohibition." Horrors! I'm for no Church that comes between a man and his relaxation. What about No. 7? Dash these religious! There's nothing for it but to be a blessed pagan. Boy, catchee one piece big joss and plenty joss stick. Master-makee chin chin joss siks same Chinese fashion. And boy—oh, minute, don't go away—another whiskey soda.

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WEEKLY REPORT.

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The weaker tone of the cotton markets which became evident last week has sensibly developed and values are appreciably lower again. Reports from textile centres continue gloomy and in consequence the amount of cotton offering is far in excess of the demand. Weather conditions have also been favourable to production and the Census Bureau

Report of the amount of American Cotton ginned up to November 1st has turned out to be higher than expected, increasing the general weakness. The figure given is 7,471,000 bales against 6,305,000 last year, which promises a crop of fully 12½ million bales. News of the progress of the Egyptian crop is not so favourable. Pickings have not been good and a private estimate for the season is given as about 6,000,000 cantars which compares with actual crops of 5,572,000 cantars last year, and 4,821,000 in the previous year. It is also stated the staple is excessively variable and poorer than last year. Egyptian futures have fluctuated considerably but show little change on balance. The reactionary movement of raw material prices is fully reflected in yarn and cloth quotations and is having a very unsettling effect on trade. The uncertainty gives no encouragement to buyers and is responsible, for an almost excessive amount of caution. Prices are on a very low basis but even the settlement of the coal strike failed to stimulate our market in any way.

There has been only a very moderate turnover of a miscellaneous character for pressing needs. Financial tightness is still the main obstacle to a renewal of trading on any large scale; the general view still being that further liquidation of old orders must precede any general buying. The silver-using countries continue to be adversely affected by the exchanges, and it would appear that if the inactivity of these outlets is prolonged on this account it is likely to lead to scarcity of goods at no distant date. Enquiry from India has been much more extensive but up to the present little has gone through except for Calcutta, for which light goods and prints have been taken. Java and Egypt have bought odd lots, China and South America are quiet. The Home Trades have purchased some good lines.

"SLAVERY" AT HONGKONG.

Truth of November 10 says:—The statement of the Under-Secretary for the Colonies that "slavery does not exist in Hongkong or any other British colony" would have been more reassuring if he had not proceeded to say:—

A custom does exist there, as elsewhere in China, by which in return for a money payment girls are transferred by their parents or guardians to the care of another household, usually for purposes of domestic service, though the transaction is described by the Chinese as a form of adoption.

No doubt it is correct that in law there is no slavery in Hongkong—indeed, it could not be legalised in any British colony. Neither buyers nor sellers could secure the enforcement of their transactions by the courts, and the human chattels of whom they dispose are in theory perfectly free.

It is nevertheless the disgraceful fact that what is practically nothing but a system of slavery is tolerated among the Chinese in this British colony—a peculiarly vile system; too, for the slave-girls are more or less openly bought for state purposes than domestic service. Afraid to tackle the evil, local officialdom has always tried to keep a veil over it, and when last year the wife of a naval officer in the dockyard at Hongkong began to arouse local public opinion on the subject, her husband was informed that unless her agitation ceased he would be superceded and sent home. In China itself the "custom" was prohibited some time ago, so that old excuse for winking at it in Hongkong has disappeared. It was, of course, never a valid excuse for permitting existence of such a traffic in a British colony.

Colonel Amery denied that there is any evidence that the slave-girls are frequently ill-treated. I recommend him not to rely upon official information on this subject, but to read the reports in the Hongkong press of cases of cruelty to slave-girls which have come before the magistrates in the last six months. I understand that the matter is to be brought up again in the House of Commons, and it is to be hoped that public opinion will insist upon the termination of so scandalous a state of things.

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SWATOW.
Dec. 23-D. L. Haiching.
28-O.S.K. Kaio Maru.
29-D. L. Haiching.
30-O.S.K. Socho Maru.

AMCOY.

Dec. 28-O.S.K. Kaio Maru.
29-D. L. Haiching.
30-O.S.K. Socho Maru.

FOOCHOW.

Dec. 27-D. L. Haiching.

SHANGHAI.

Dec. 23-C.N. Shihang.
24-I.C.S.N. Tylboda.
25-B.F. Hector.
26-C.N. Chenan.
27-I.C.S.N. Kwongsang.
28-C.N. Suiyang.
29-P.O. S. Suiyang.
30-C.N. Suiyang.
Jan. 1-L. T. Anchiang.
2-B.F. O. Suiyang.
3-P.O. S. Suiyang.
4-B.F. O. Suiyang.
5-P.O. S. Suiyang.

TSINGTAO.

Dec. 25-C.N. Chenan.

HAIPHONG AND HOIHOW.

Dec. 28-C.N. Kaifong.
29-I.C.S.N. Takang.

PAKHOI.

Dec. 28-C.N. Kaifong.

PUKOW.

Dec. 28-C.N. Suiyang.

TAKAO.

Dec. 30-O.S.K. Socho Maru.

KEELUNG.

Dec. 27-O.S.K. Kaio Maru.

SAIGON.

Dec. 31-M. M. Amazona.
Jan. 2-O.S.K. Shien Maru.
18-M. M. Andre Lebon.

BANGKOK.

Dec. 28-C.N. Chusan.
Jan. 2-O.S.K. Shien Maru.

SINGAPORE.

Jan. 2-O.S.K. Shien Maru.
Feb. 3-C.M.S. Nite.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, ETC.

Dec. 24-I.C.S.N. Longsang.
28-C.N. Taming.
Mar. 19-C.M.S. Nite.

MANILA.

Dec. 24-I.C.S.N. Longsang.
28-C.N. Taming.
Mar. 19-C.M.S. Nite.

CEBU AND ILOILO.

Dec. 24-C.N. Taming.

JAVA PORTS, ETC.

Dec. 23-N.Y.K. (D. & Co.) Suiyang.
24-J.C.J.L. Haiching.
25-J.C.J.L. Haiching.
Jan. 3-N.Y.K. (D. & Co.) Borneo M.

CALCUTTA.

Dec. 23-I.C.S.N. Chakrag.
24-B.I.A. Tando.
Jan. 6-N.Y.K. Takao Maru.
7-B.I.A. Gregory Apar.

BOMBAY AND COLOMBO.

Jan. 11-P. O. Suiyang.
12-N.Y.K. Kaio Maru.
13-P. O. Suiyang.
14-P. O. Suiyang.
15-P. O. Suiyang.

AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

Jan. 2-A. O. Teyuan.
13-C. & A. Hwah Ping.
14-C. & A. Eastern.
Feb. 10-C. & A. Kanowna.

JAPAN PORTS.

Dec. 24-I.C.S.N. Kumang.
25-M. M. Paul Locat.
26-P. O. Suiyang.
27-P. O. Suiyang.
28-N.Y.K. Kaio Maru.
29-J.C.J.L. Tylboda.
30-I.C.S.N. Kwongsang.
Jan. 1-N.Y.K. Kaio Maru.
2-P. O. Suiyang.
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30-P. O. Suiyang.

AMERICAN PORTS.

VANCOUVER.

Dec. 27-W. L. Delight.
28-O.S.K. Arabia Maru.
31-C.P.O.S. Montego.
Jan. 1-A. L. Delight.
2-S. & D. Delight.
3-W. L. Delight.
4-C.P.O.S. Empress of Asia.
5-C.P.O.S. Empress of Japan.
6-A. L. Delight.
7-W. L. Delight.
8-C.P.O.S. Empress of Japan.
9-C.P.O.S. Empress of Asia.
10-C.P.O.S. Montego.
11-C.P.O.S. Empress of Russia.
12-C.P.O.S. Empress of Japan.

VICTORIA.

Dec. 27-W. L. Delight.
28-O.S.K. Arabia Maru.
31-C.P.O.S. Montego.
Jan. 1-A. L. Delight.
2-S. & D. Delight.
3-W. L. Delight.
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6-A. L. Delight.
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10-C.P.O.S. Montego.
11-C.P.O.S. Empress of Russia.
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BEATTLE.

Dec. 27-W. L. Delight.
28-O.S.K. Arabia Maru.
31-C.P.O.S. Montego.
Jan. 1-A. L. Delight.
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3-W. L. Delight.
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TACOMA.

Dec. 27-W. L. Delight.
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31-C.P.O.S. Montego.
Jan. 1-A. L. Delight.
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SAN FRANCISCO.

Dec. 27-W. L. Delight.
28-O.S.K. Arabia Maru.
31-C.P.O.S. Montego.
Jan. 1-A. L. Delight.
2-S. & D. Delight.
3-W. L. Delight.
4-C.P.O.S. Empress of Asia.
5-C.P.O.S. Empress of Japan.
6-A. L. Delight.
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10-C.P.O.S. Montego.
11-C.P.O.S. Empress of Russia.
12-C.P.O.S. Empress of Japan.

LOS ANGELES.

Feb. 2-L.A.P.N. West Hixton.

PORTLAND.

Jan. 1-A. L. Delight.
Mar. 7-A. L. Delight.

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Jan. 18-L. T. (D. & Co.) Nippon.
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Jan. 18-L. T. (D. & Co.) Nippon.
Feb. 8-L. T. (D. & Co.) Nippon.

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Dec. 24-B.F. Demodocus.
Jan. 11-B.F. Demodocus.

VALPARAISO.

Jan. 15-T. K. K. Nippon.

NEW YORK.

Jan. 7-R. F. City of Agra.
15-S. & D. Eurara.
20-P. L. Gaelic Prince.

Dec. 29-N.Y.K. Nagano Maru.
30-B.F. Borneo.
Jan. 10-B.F. Borneo.
20-D. L. Esther Dollar.
22-B.F. Agammon.
Mar. 1-B.F. Kentucky.

SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.

Dec. 24-B.F. Demodocus.
Jan. 11-B.F. Demodocus.

DUREAN AND CAPETOWN.

Jan. 8-O.S.K. Parana Maru.

MARSEILLES.

Dec. 31-M. M. Amazona.
Jan. 3-B.F. Alcinous.
18-M. M. Andre Lebon.

LONDON.

Dec. 28-B.F. Alcinous.
29-N.Y.K. Iyo Maru.
Jan. 1-P. O. Suiyang.
5-O.S.K. Kaio Maru.
7-N.Y.K. Kaio Maru.
11-P. O. Suiyang.
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Jan. 3-B.F. Alcinous.
Feb. 4-P. O. Suiyang.
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27-B.F. Demodocus.
28-B.F. Demodocus.
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Jan. 1-B.F. Demodocus.
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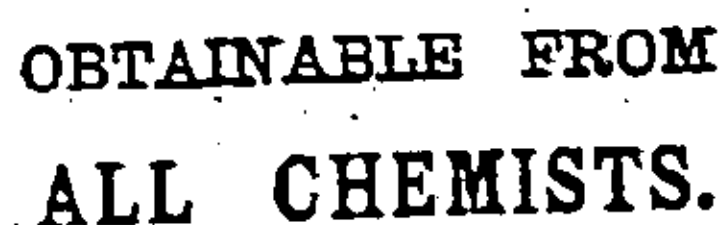
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